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Title: FIBER PROFILE FOR ACHIEVING
VERY HIGH NEGATIVE DISPERSION
SLOPE

Art Group Unit: 2872

Examiner: Euncha P. Cherry

RESPONSE

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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action dated May 20, 2003, designated as Paper No. 4 in the above-captioned application, the Examiner issued an election of species requirement identifying the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species I. Figure 1; and
Species II. Figure 2.

The Examiner asserted that there is no generic claim as required under 35 U.S.C. 121, to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Applicants hereby elect the species of Fig. 2, upon which claims 1-25 read, without traverse. Applicants disagree with Examiner's assertion that there is no generic claim. Indeed, claim 1 reads upon both the Fig. 1 and Fig. 2 fiber embodiments. Claims 26-31 relate to systems including the low dispersion slope fiber in accordance with embodiments of the present invention.

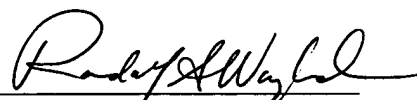
Applicants believe that no extension of time is necessary to make this Response timely. Should Applicants be in error, Applicants respectfully request the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Response timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

Please direct any questions or comments to Randall S. Wayland at 607-974-0463.

Respectfully submitted,

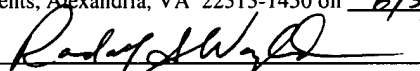
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